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The Booklet

Indigenous Day of Prayer
A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

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ST ALBANS

Spirit-Led. Christ-Centred. Contemporary Urban Church

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Welcome to St Albans Church!

We welcome all people, no matter their age, ability, gender, cultural background, sexual orientation, income level or faith tradition to join us as we seek to deepen our relationship with God and each other. Together we're exploring how we are called to serve in the world, right here in downtown Ottawa.

During the service, if you are a breastfeeding parent, you are welcome to breastfeed where you are seated or anywhere else in the church, as you feel comfortable.

We continue to recommend wearing a mask at all times other than when receiving communion, eating/drinking, or speaking into a microphone.

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About this booklet

This booklet is your guide to our worship. You're going to experience and participate in worship through music, prayer, readings, reflections and silence. Every time it's your turn to say or do something, you'll see it here in this booklet (usually in bold). If there are surprises, or you have questions, ask a neighbour.

Participation

Our hope is that everyone gathered will feel able participate in our worship this morning. At various points in the service we may suggest certain postures. But please feel free to adopt whatever posture (standing, sitting, kneeling) is appropriate for you at any time. If you would like to do some sketching or writing during the service, you are most welcome – at the back of the church is our Art Cart, stocked with books and art supplies. The books are communal so please date your work, no need to sign it, but the Art Books will become over time an anthology of our collective experience.

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge our presence on the ancestral lands of the Algonquin Anishnaabe people.

May we always remember those who were here before us, respect and honour the diversity of those who are here now - First Nation, Metis, Inuit - and strive to leave this land better for future generations.

In a spirit of reconciliation, may we always seek to respect the history, spirituality, and culture of Indigenous Peoples and uphold our continuing responsibility as treaty people.

We are profoundly grateful to be able to live in and learn from this land. May we do all in our power to support the efforts of its original peoples to reclaim their rightful place within it. Honouring all commitments to self-determination and sovereignty we have made to Indigenous Nations and Peoples.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Honouring the Four Directions

Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

We face East: To your symbol colour Red, the hue of revelation; To your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing; To your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit in Harmony with brothers and sisters and siblings; To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages:

Come Holy Spirit, Come.

We turn to face South: To your symbol colour Gold for the morning star. To your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings light on our path to live responsibly; To your lessons calling us to balance of Mind in

the Spirit of humility; To invoke your spirit of illumination and far sighted vision; Help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul:

Come Holy Spirit, Come.

We turn to face West: To your symbol colour Black, still and quiet. To your animal symbol the Thunderbird; To your symbol the Thunder mighty and purposeful; To your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of Gentleness and Honesty; To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within; Give us your strength and the courage to endure, We pray:

Come Holy Spirit, Come.

We turn to face North: To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness. To your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things; To your lessons calling us to balance of our Body in the spirit of a good sense of humor; To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love; Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing:

Come Holy Spirit, Come.

We turn to complete the circle and to look: To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain; To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of mercy and Lovingly embraces all, and the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action:

Come Holy Spirit, Come.

O Siem | Susan Aglukark

O Siem, we are all family

O Siem, we're all the same

O Siem, the fires of freedom

Dance in the burning flame

Siem o siyeya, all people rich and poor

Siem o siyeya, those who do and do not know

Siem o siyeya, take the hand of one close by

Siem o siyeya, of those who know because they try
And watch the walls come tumbling down

O Siem, we are all family
O Siem, we're all the same
O Siem, the fires of freedom
Dance in the burning flame

Siem o siyeya, all people of the world
Siem o siyeya, it's time to make the turn
Siem o siyeya, a chance to share your heart
Siem o siyeya, to make a brand new start
And watch the walls come tumbling down

O Siem, we are all family
O Siem, we're all the same
O Siem, the fires of freedom
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Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in

partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. **Amen.**

We Proclaim the Word

Each Sunday we read from sections of the Bible: the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament and the Gospel. These same readings will be proclaimed to over a billion Christians around the world today.

The First Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows the handiwork of the Lord.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often they offend? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight; O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9 (First Nations Version)

Always dance with joy before our Honored Chief! I will say it again: dance with joy! Let everyone see how kind and thoughtful you are. Our Honored Chief is close at hand. Do not let your hearts be weighed down with anything. Instead, with every step you take, send your voice to the Great Spirit, asking him for the things you need. And in all your prayers remember to give him thanks. Then the peace and harmony of the Great Spirit, which goes far beyond our small and weak way of thinking, will watch over your hearts and minds through the Chosen One, Creator Sets Free (Jesus). Last of all, my sacred family members, if anything can be seen as good and honorable, think deeply about these things. Things that are true and noble, upright and pure, full of beauty and worthy of respect. Follow the way of life you have seen in me, the things you have learned from me, heard from me, and received from me. Keep walking in the traditions I have passed on to you. Then the Great Spirit of Peace will continue to walk with you on this road.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

River | Leon Bridges

Been traveling these wide roads for so long

My heart's been far from you

Ten-thousand miles gone

Oh, I wanna come near and give every part of me
But there is blood on my hands and my lips are unclean

In my darkness I remember
Momma's words reoccur to me
"Surrender to the good Lord and he'll wipe your slate clean"

Take me to your river
I wanna go Oh, go on
Take me to your river I wanna know

Tip me in your smooth water I go in
As a man with many crimes
Come up for air As my sins flow down the Jordan

Oh, I wanna come near and give every part of me
But there is blood on my hands and my lips are unclean

Take me to your river
I wanna go Go on
Take me to your river I wanna know

I wanna go, wanna go, wanna go
I wanna know, wanna know, wanna know

Take me to your river
I wanna go
Lord, please let me know
Take me to your river
I wanna know

The Gospel: John 1:1-18 (First Nations Version)
Le Seigneur soit avec vous. The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same. Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create.

Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out.

Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (Judea) came a man named Gift of Goodwill (John). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could believe. He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the darkness of this world.

He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. Even his own tribe did not welcome or honor him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit.

Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honorable he was, the kind of honor held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father – full of his great kindness and truth.

Gift of Goodwill (John) told what he knew about him and cried out with a loud voice, "The one I have told you about is here! He comes after me, but is much greater – *my elder! He has more honor, for even though he is thought to be younger*, he existed before I was born."

From the fullness of his being we have all had many gifts of kindness poured out on us. Drawn from the Water (Moses) gave us our tribal laws, but the gift of great kindness and truth came from Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the chosen one. No one has ever seen the Great Spirit, but the one Son, who is himself

the Great Spirit and closest to the Father's heart, has shown us what he is like.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily | Rev. Michael

We say the Apostles Creed to affirm our faith using words of the ancient church

**I trust in God,
the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I trust in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I trust in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

A Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church

Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,
Have mercy on us.

Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God,
Have mercy on us.

Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the
depths of our lives,
Have mercy on us.

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

Have mercy on us.

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many indigenous people,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of this land.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do.

Hear us, O Christ.

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving you in your mission in the world, and together witnessing to your love on every continent and island of your creation. We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ in whom we are one. Amen.

Remembering the Children Prayer

God of our Ancestors, who holds the spirits of our grandmothers and grandfathers and the spirits of our grandchildren.

Remembering the Children, we now pledge ourselves to speak the Truth, and with our hearts and our souls to act upon the Truth we have heard of the injustices lived, of the sufferings inflicted, of the tears cried, of the misguided intentions imposed, and of the power of prejudice and racism which were allowed to smother the sounds and laughter of the forgotten children.

Hear our cries of lament for what was allowed to happen, and for what will never be. In speaking and hearing and acting upon the Truth may we as individuals and as a nation meet the hope of a new beginning.

Great Creator God who desires that all creation live in harmony and peace, Remembering the Children we dare to dream of a Path of Reconciliation where apology from the heart leads to healing of the heart and the chance of restoring the circle, where justice walks with all, where respect leads to true partnership, where the power to change comes from each heart.

Hear our prayer of hope, and guide this country of Canada on a new and different path. Amen

Confession and Absolution

In our time of confession we recognize our need for reconciliation with God and with each other. In response to our need God embraces us and calls us beloved.

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes humanity and invites them to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

In the sharing of the Peace we celebrate our reconciliation with God and extend the gift of peace to one another (Matt 5:23-24). We are also reminded that it is in meeting others that we meet Christ.

La paix du Seigneur soit toujours avec vous.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Share a sign of peace in church, online or in your home.

We Celebrate the Eucharist

Offering



Thank you for donating to the ministry of St. Albans! You may also make an offering via the collection plate, by e-transfer to donate@stalbanschurch.ca, or through Canada Helps or Paypal through the St. Albans Website - <https://stalbanschurch.ca/donate/>

Took the Children Away | Archie Roach

This story's right, this story's true

I would not tell lies to you

Like the promises they did not keep

And how they fenced us in like sheep

Said to us come take our hand

Sent us off to mission land

Taught us to read, to write and pray

Then they took the children away

Took the children away

The children away

Snatched from their mother's breast

Said this is for the best
Took them away

The welfare and the policeman
Said you've got to understand
We'll give them what you can't give
Teach them how to really live
Teach them how to live, they said
Humiliated them instead
Taught them that and taught them this
And others taught them prejudice

You took the children away
The children away
Breaking their mothers heart
Tearing us all apart
Took them away

One dark day on Framingham
Came and didn't give a damn
My mother cried go get their dad
He came running, fighting mad
Mother's tears were falling down
Dad shaped up and stood his ground
He said, "You touch my kids and you fight me"
And they took them from our family

You took the children away
The children away
Breaking their mothers heart
Tearing us all apart
Took them away

Told them what to do and say
Told them all the white man's ways
Then they split them up again
And gave them gifts to ease the pain
Sent them off to foster homes
As they grew up they felt alone
'Cause we were acting white
Yet feeling black
One sweet day all the children came back

The children came back
The children came back
Back where their hearts grow strong
Back where they all belong
The children came back
Said the children came back
The children came back
Back where they understand
Back to their mother's land
The children came back
Back to their mother
Back to their father
Back to their sister
Back to their brother
Back to their people
Back to their land
All the children came back
The children came back
The children came back

Prayer over the Gifts

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Source of all being,

we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love.

You call us into friendship with you and one another

to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us.

When we injure others, you confront us in your love

and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak,

and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home,

making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels,

forever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth of your glory are full.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. X2

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth of your glory are full.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. X2

Blessed are you, O Holy One:

when Hagar was driven into the wilderness

you followed her and gave her hope.

When Joseph was sold into bondage,

you turned malice to your people's good.

When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile you wept with them
by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.

Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.

Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,

Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:

this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:

this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for
the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you
these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to
come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain
us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers.

When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please feel free to use the language of your choice.

**Our Creator (Father/Mother) in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion

At St Albans, all are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is received in a series of semi-circles at the front of the church.

Please cross your arms over your chest if you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread and/or wine. Please also indicate if you would prefer to receive a rice wafer instead of a wheat wafer.

Crowded Table | The Highway Women

You can hold my hand
When you need to let go
I can be your mountain
When you're feeling valley-low
I can be your streetlight
Showing you the way home
You can hold my hand
When you need to let go

I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed
Plant a little happiness
Let the roots run deep
If it's love that we give
Then it's love that we reap
If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed

Yeah I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

The door is always open
Your picture's on my wall
Everyone's a little broken
And everyone belongs

Yeah, everyone belongs

I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done
And bring us back together when the day is done

We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

Holy One, Creator of all that is, seen and unseen, of story and song, of heartbeat and tears, of bodies, souls, voices, and all relations; you are the God of truth and the way of reconciliation. Breathe in us the grace to trust in your living forgiveness, so we may face our history with courage. Guide us with your holy wisdom, to enter through the gates of remorse, that our feet may walk gently and firmly on the path of justice and healing. Amen.

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Community Announcements

Blessing

We Are One | Ginny Owens

Let us draw near to each other
We are one, we are one
We are all sisters and brothers
Telling stories of our Father's love

You've got a place at the table
A family where you belong
So, open your arms if you're able
Welcome home! Welcome home!

Let us draw near to each other
We are one, we are one
We are all sisters and brothers
At the feast of our Mother's love

We can come weary and burdened
With the weight of the world on our backs
We can hand it all over to Jesus
Find our rest, find our rest

So, let us draw near to each other
We are one, we are one
We are all siblings together
Living free in our Father's love

Travelers, misfits, and exiles
Don't grow cold in the dark of night
Gather for hope and for comfort
In His light, in His light

Let us draw near to each other
We are one, we are one
We are all sisters and brothers
Warming hands by the fire of His love

Shaped by the hands of the potter
No two pieces alike
But when we build a shelter together
We will shine, we will shine

Let us draw near to each other
We are one, we are one
We are all siblings
Telling stories of our Mother's love

Let us draw near to each other
We are one, we are one
We are all sisters and brothers Telling stories of our Father's love

We'll tell the stories of our Mother's love
We'll tell the stories of our each other's love

Sending

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Summer at St. Albans – Summer generally represents a slower time. We hope that our whole congregation will take time to reflect back on the last year, all the change and all the progress and all the ways God worked powerfully in our lives and life of our congregation. Rev. Michael is away July 24 to August 18, but around otherwise. Stay tuned for information about the odd post church gathering at Strathcona Park, and please don't hesitate to reach out should you have a need, or want to connect during the summer. Things get slower but we are still here!

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